

**DULUTH AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, August 20, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Room 402 – Fourth Floor, City Hall**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Robert Powless, Donna Ennis, Warner Wirta, Tony LaDeaux, John Day, Ricky DeFoe, Mike Sayers, Michele Gordon, Joy Dorscher, Beatrice Kitto

**EXCUSED ABSENT:** None

**ABSENT:** Brian Wilson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kathie Severson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** See sign-in sheet

**CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Motion by Warner Wirta, seconded by Mike Sayers, to approve the agenda, with the addition of Independent Civilian Review Board, Mayoral Candidates at Feast and Forum, and Filming of DAIC to New Business. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 16, 2007 MEETING:**

**Motion by Dr. Bob Powless, seconded by John Day, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**COMMUNITY PUBLIC FORUM/OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Maggie Kazel is submitting a grant to the United States Conference of Mayors to strengthen local capacities to carry out effective HIV/AIDS prevention activities.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Resolution to “Locate and Remove Barrels in Lake Superior”** – Ricky DeFoe consulted with Red Cliff Reservation and then submitted a revised resolution for the DAIC to consider. Warner Wirta, Ricky DeFoe, and Greg Maxim agreed to serve on a Sub-Committee for two purposes. 1) to determine who to send the resolution to, and 2) to write an Op-Ed piece for consideration to the Duluth News Tribune. It was decided that all of the Commissioners would sign the Resolution.

**Motion made by Joy Dorscher, seconded by Warner Wirta to accept the revised resolution regarding the “Barrels in Lake Superior.” The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Report on the Indian Center/Housing Project – Sherry Sanchez Tibbetts, American Indian Housing Organization (AICHO)** – Sherry Sanchez Tibbetts introduced Maria Danz, new Development Associate at AICHO. AICHO is requesting a \$600,000 forgivable loan from the Housing Investment Fund for the rehabilitation and construction of 29 permanent supportive housing units and an American Indian Center.

**Motion by John Day, seconded by Dr. Bob Powless, to support the grant request with the change from 26 housing units to 29 housing units. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Planning for DAIC Community Forum – August 23, Washington Center – Report from Sub-Committee (Ennis, Sayers & Gordon)** – Additional food commitments were made by various Commissioners as well as AICHO and Women’s Transitional Housing. Mike Sayers will call Keith Hamre to see about having a check available for the Cedar Creek Drum Group. Several mayoral candidates and vendors have committed to being in attendance.

**Resolution of support for the “Protect Minnesota” programs** – A resolution of support was submitted by Gail Schoenfelder and Joan Peterson for the Commission’s approval.

**Motion by Dr. Bob Powless, seconded by John Day to support the resolution with the amendments of replacing the word “gun” with “handguns and assault rifles.” The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Independent Civilian Review Board** – Tony LaDeaux reported that there has been much discussion regarding whether the Board would have internal control versus external control. LaDeaux is only in favor of having external control. Ken Bergeron has been misleading his boss and others by saying that Tony would be receptive of internal control only.

**Mayoral Candidates at Community Feast and Forum** – Dr. Bob Powless reminded Commissioners that they could not voice their support for any particular candidate during the Feast and Forum. There was a discussion by Commissioners about mayoral candidates in attendance being allowed to campaign. It was agreed that this was a time to listen and not talk.

**Filming of DAIC meetings** – A question was raised about the right to refuse filming of our meetings. The discussion was tabled until John Judd returns.

#### **NEXT MEETING/DATE/LOCATION:**

September 17, 2007, Room 402 of City Hall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

7:55 P.M.